

OCCUPATION



One of the most important _____ in life of every person is to choose the right career or occupation. With hundreds of jobs to choose from, it's never too _____ to begin thinking about your future career. As a teenager today, you can expect to work for _____ 40 years. During this time, you may have several jobs. Changes in the world will affect the jobs available. The idea of a 'job for life' has already become _____. In the _____ most people will work for several companies instead of just for one. A lot of people already work from home, _____ to the Internet, and there will be many more in the years to come.

We often speak of full-time jobs or part-time jobs, regular jobs or odd jobs. People may lose their jobs, become _____ and have to look for new jobs. Different jobs _____ different things. For example, some require special training and meeting people, others require a good imagination or travelling a lot, physical _____ or working late hours... Choosing a career is not easy. A lot of people are encouraged by their teachers, parents and friends. Some people change their minds many _____ or follow in someone's _____. Others are influenced by certain people or certain _____. When you look for a career, you should look carefully at all aspects of the job. You must also take a good look at yourself. Firstly, it is important to _____ your interests. You may enjoy working with people, or you may enjoy working with your hands. You may like reading, using words, and writing. Numbers and solving problems may hold a special appeal to you.

Secondly, you should find out what your _____ are. Your aptitudes are your natural abilities or talents. An aptitude means it is easy for you to learn certain things. One way to focus on your aptitudes is to ask yourself some questions:

- In what school subjects do I get the highest marks?
- What talents or natural abilities do I seem to have? (talking, writing, singing, painting or taking objects apart and putting them back together)
- What do I think I could learn to do well?
- What do other people _____ I could do?

_____, there are special aptitude tests you can take. Careers officers can help and _____ young people to get good training in order to have some skills. Thirdly, different people are good at different skills. A skill is the learnt capacity for doing something. For example, you can _____ skills in typing, drafting, cooking, sewing and auto _____. It's useful to learn the skills like leadership skills, teamwork skills,

critical thinking, writing and reading skills, etc. Communication _____, in general, should be at the top of the list. Communicating with people, especially from other cultures, understanding their _____ and culture, will be even more important in the future. English has become the international _____ of communication. Millions of people use it in their jobs every day. In the future most people will need English for their jobs. We live in the computer age. There are about 100 million computers in the world at the moment. You don't need to be a computer _____ to work with a computer but your computer skills need to be good and you have to work on them all the time. _____ is important in your future career prospects. A high school _____ has a better chance. Specialised training opens up even more job opportunities. You can get this training in vocational high school, in a college, in vocational-technical school, or through on-the-job training.